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AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 28 and 30 as follows:

28. A method for inactivating viruses in ^{blood or a blood component} (a body fluid) the method comprising the steps
of:

initially storing an amount of methylene blue and an amount of the (body fluid) in separate
sterile, sealed containers, each container having an inner surface made of a non-polyvinyl
chloride, plastic material and the container in which the ^{blood or bc} (body fluid) is stored includes portions
that are made of a polyvinyl chloride material;

forming a mixture by adding at least a portion of the amount of the methylene blue to the
amount of the ^{Blood or blood component} (body fluid) wherein the portion of methylene blue is a virucidally effective amount
of the methylene blue and further wherein the mixture formed is within one of the containers in
which the methylene blue or ^{bc} (body fluid) is initially stored under sterile conditions; and

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